

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 8 16, in which both the first and second upstanding profiled members further comprise hooks.

10. (Currently Amended) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 9, in which the first and second elements each comprise two elongate hooked profiled members comprising hooks, with the hooks of the first profiled members being engageable with the hooks of the second profiled member.

11. (Currently Amended) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 8 16, in which the first element further comprises a first pair of protruding ribs ~~in alignment with the first high compression members~~, on a face of the first body portion opposite the first profiled member, a first rib of the first pair being in alignment with the first upstanding post and a second rib of the first pair being in alignment with the first heel; and

the second element further comprises a second pair of protruding ribs ~~in alignment with the second high compression members~~, on a face of the second body portion opposite the second profiled member, a first rib of the second pair being in alignment with the second upstanding post and a second rib of the second pair being in alignment with the second heel.

12. (Original) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 11, in which each of the ribs is overlaid with a layer of sealing/welding material.

13. (Currently Amended) The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 12, in which the sealing/welding material is comprises ethylene vinyl acetate.

14. (Canceled)

15. **(Currently Amended)** The reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 8 16, further comprising a single flange provided on only one of the first and second elements, for attachment to a film or web.

16. **(New)** A reclosable fastener for plastics bags and other containers, comprising:

a first element comprising a first elongate body portion, at least one first upstanding elongate profiled member extending away from the first body portion, a first upstanding post at a first lateral margin of the first body portion, and a first heel at a second lateral margin of the first body portion;

a second element comprising a second elongate body portion, at least one second upstanding elongate profiled member extending away from the second body portion, a second upstanding post at a first lateral margin of the second body portion, and a second heel at a second lateral margin of the second body portion;

wherein the first and second profiled members are releasably engagable when the first and second elements are pressed together with the first and second profiled members facing each other in order to produce an engaged condition of the first and second elements; and

wherein, in the engaged condition, both the first post and the second heel, and the second post and the first heel, are aligned and are arranged to contact each other at respective complementarily angled contact surfaces thereof to form a configuration which provides resistance to compression forces exerted on the first and second elements in their engaged condition thereby substantially preventing distortion of the first and second profiled members under application of a load urging the first and second elements together when in their engaged condition.